

CHAPTER R-1: INTRODUCTION

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

1. Definition/Purpose:

The Diving Canada Technical Committee (TC) provides senatorial oversight to the committees of the DPC technical structure with respect to proposed rule changes and/or additions. The TC will be mindful of broad directives and Association priorities as set out by the Board. All proposed rules and rule changes must be vetted through the TC.

2. Composition:

The TC is comprised of a minimum of six (6) members: Diving Canada's Chief Technical Officer, one representative from the Diving Canada Board, a coaching representative, the Athletes Association and the Officials Association as well as the Chief Operating Officer who chairs the meetings. The TC can also include two "members at large"; these members shall be nominated on an annual basis to the TC by the DPC Board.

The representatives to the TC are determined by the respective committee/association membership or executive committee; it is anticipated that the TC representatives will normally be the chair of the respective groups or the person within the group(s) responsible for proposed rule changes.

3. Process:

- a. Items will be brought forward to the TC by the committee/association representatives for discussion and recommendation. These items will have been discussed earlier at the respective committee or association level, and a recommendation developed for the TC.
- b. Each TC member representing a committee/association has equal representation (one vote each), and also holds "veto" power for any changes suggested by the TC to recommendations that are brought forward by their respective association/committee. TC "members at large" also have one vote each, but do not have veto power.

- c. If the TC recommends a change to the original recommendation, it is the responsibility of the representative from the committee/association that provided the original recommendation to decide if the TC change would be acceptable to the group that he/she represents. If that representative does not feel that the change would be acceptable, he/she can veto the change. The enactment of a veto would automatically put the item of discussion back to the committee/association level for further discussion. This discussion item would then be re-submitted to the TC for approval at a future meeting.
- d. The Chief Operating Officer holds veto power over all recommendations brought forward.

B. RULES COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

1. A sub-committee of, and reports to, the Diving Canada Technical Committee.
2. Committee Chair must be a coach and is elected by member coaches.
3. Chair has non-voting representation on the Diving Canada Technical Committee.
4. Committee members are not restricted to coaches only.

C. RULES COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES IN REGARDS TO THE RULE BOOK

1. The Rules Committee is responsible for maintaining communication with the Diving Canada community, i.e., committees, staff, FINA delegates, on an on-going basis to keep current with rule related issues.
2. Rules Committee is responsible for the updates to, and accuracy of the Rule Book and acts as the spokesperson for rules interpretation.
3. Rules Committee is responsible for securing input from the Diving Canada membership regarding the current rules.
4. Rules Committee is responsible for preliminary approval of all suggested rule changes.

5. Rules Committee is responsible to forward all suggested rule changes to the Technical Committee prior to September 1 of each year for ratification.
6. Diving Canada office is responsible to communicate the suggested rule changes to the Executive of the Athletes Committee, Officials Committee, Canadian Diving Coaches Association (CDCA) and Board of Directors thirty (30) days prior to any decisions of the Technical Committee.

D. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES TO THE RULE BOOK

1. The Rules Committee will meet annually at the Junior Nationals, at which time a review, evaluation and refinement of the Rule Book will occur. The Committee will also review and revise the Age Group and Senior Standards.
2. The Rules Committee will vote on the rule changes. The final recommendations of the Rules Committee for the revised Rule Book must be forwarded to the National Office by September 1 of each year.
3. If applicable the Rules Committee's recommendations must make specific reference to the current rule(s) in question together with supporting rationale.
4. At any time, the Rules Committee has the power to enact rule changes when necessary, subject to ratification by the Technical Committee.